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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF SRI LANKA

IPF:(1987-91) $49 500 000

(SRL/91/005) - Poverty Alleviation through the Janasaviya Trust Fund

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	31 July 1991
Expected duration:	Three years
Proposed executing agency:	World Bank (for the first two years, followed by national execution for one year)
Government implementing agency:	Janasaviya Trust (Ministry of Policy, Planning and Implementation)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$2 446 200 Source of funds: IPF

Project background

The policy and programme responses of the Government of Sri Lanka to poverty alleviation have been essentially consumption-oriented welfare programs which are poorly targeted and financially and economically unsustainable. Policy and programme responses therefore need to be broadened and better targeted to enable the poor to participate in economic growth. After considerable dialogue with the World Bank, the Government has realized that traditional welfare approaches to poverty are not sustainable and that there is an urgent need to reorient and expand poverty alleviation programmes towards productive activities.

The Government of Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the World Bank, and with the assistance of UNDP, has created the Janasaviya Trust to help address the problems of the poor. The Trust is charged with an ambitious mandate of helping to develop new systems and institutional arrangements that can improve the quality of life of the poor in Sri Lanka.

Description of project

The project will assist the newly created Janasaviya Trust Fund in financing and providing technical support to the credit operations, rural works, human resource and institutional development, and nutrition intervention activities of NGOs and government agencies. The Trust will manage four funds: (a) a Credit Fund; (b) a Human Resource Development Fund; (c) a Rural Works Fund; and (d) a Nutrition Fund. Developing sustainable services to the poor, through improved intermediary institutions, will require the newly created Trust to be both pro-active and responsive to local initiatives. The Trust's staff will need sophisticated systems and skills to ensure coordination among its programmes and diverse inputs, especially at the field level where rural works, credit, skills training and nutrition functions will have related impact on the alleviation of poverty. The project will provide the necessary technical assistance in the form of consultants and training to achieve this objective.

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[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

Inputs

UNDP will provide a chief technical adviser (24 man-months); a social mobilization/institution building adviser (24 man-months); a management information systems adviser (MIS) (12 man-months); a monitoring/evaluation adviser (MEA) (12 man-months); two UN Volunteers and 10 DDS volunteers in a trust management, credit and rural works funds (15 man-months); nutrition unit (three man-months); partner organization level consultants (75 man-months); a MIS adviser (36 man-months); a consultant on NGO Issues (12 man-months); Trust and Funds Units (30 man-months); PO level consultants (40 man-months); training events/learning networks, staff training, coursework; training materials, four vehicles, audiovisual training equipment, three computers; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	304 600
Subcontract	1 581 600
Training	350 000
Equipment	120 000
Miscellaneous	90 000
Total	2 446 200

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